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1. SOURCE CLOSE TO ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH REPORTED PATRIARCH'S CONCERN OVER INCREASE IN RATE OF GREEK EMIGRATION FROM ISTANBUL IN WAKE OF CYPRUS PROBLEM. PATRIARCH SAID "FIVE BUSLOADS" OF ISTANBUL GREEKS HAD SOLD PROPERTY AND LEFT TURKEY SINCE SECOND TURKISH MILITARY OPERATION IN CYPRUS. SOURCE SAID PATRIARCH FEARS THAT IF GREEK POPULATION, CURRENTLY ESTIMATED AT FIFTEEN THOUSAND, CONTINUES TO DECREASE, TURKEY MAY PUT PRESSURE ON PATRIARCHATE TO LEAVE ISTANBUL.

2. IN TALK WITH ARCHBISHOP BARTHOLOMEW SOURCE OBTAINED FURTHER DETAILS ON FAILURE OF ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES MEETING IN BERLIN (REFTEL). DESPITE PASSPORT PROBLEMS PATRIARCH COULD HAVE SENT REPRESENTATIVE FROM EUROPE, BUT DECLINED TO DO SO WHEN HE LEARNED THAT CYPRUS MIGHT BE ON AGENDA. FEAR AT
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PATRIARCHATE WAS THAT TURKISH GOVT. WOULD BLAME PATRIARCH

IF CYPRUS ISSUE CONSIDERED.
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